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RULES, ORDERS and Directions made and Eſtabliſhed by Us the Lord Lieutenant and Councel, for the better Regulating of the Corporation of the Town of *Drogheda*, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there.

ESSEX.

WHEREAS in and by one Act of Parliament, lately made in this Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for the Explaining of ſome doubts ariſing upon An Act; Entituled, An Act, for the better Execution of His Majeſties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the ſe-

veral intereſts of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making ſome alterations of, and additions unto the ſaid Act, for the more ſpeedy and effectual Settlement of the ſaid Kingdom.

IT is amongſt other things therein contained, Enacted, That it ſhall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the ſpace of Seven years, to be accompted from the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty five, to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and ſuch as ſhall be created within this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there, and to inflict ſuch penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wiſedomes ſhall think fit, ſo as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching ſuch Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Disfranchiſment of ſuch Perſons, as ſhall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſame had been ſpecially and particularly Eſtabliſhed by Authority of this preſent Parliament, and ſhall remain, continue, and abide in force, for ſuch and ſo long time, as in the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Directions ſhall be limited and appointed, any thing in the ſaid Act, or otherwiſe to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

We

WE the Lord Lieutenant and coun cil, in pursuance of the said Act, and the Authority thereby given unto Us, have thought fit to make and Establish; And We do hereby Make and Establish the additional Rules, Orders, and Directions hereafter mentioned, for the better Regulating of the corporation of the Town of Drogheda, and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there

First, For the avoiding of such Tumults and Disorders, wherewith Popular Elections of Magistrates are often attended; We do hereby Order and Direct, that for ever hereafter, the Mayor, Sheriff, Recorder, Town-clerk, and all other Officers of the said Town of Drogheda, shall be Elected and chosen onely by the Mayor, & Sheriffs, and Common-council of the said Town, or the greater number of the Votes of such of the common-council of the said Town, as shall be present on the dayes whereon such Elections are or ought to be usually made; And that no Freeman of the said Town, or other person, who shall not be of the common-council of the said Town, shall at any time hereafter have any Vote in the Election of any Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder or Town-clerk, or other Officers in the said Town of Drogheda; And that no matter or thing in any wise relating to the affairs of the said Town, shall be hereafter propounded or debated in the Tholsell or any Assembly of the said Town, untill the same

shall have first past the common-council of the said Town, and that the persons offending against this Rule, shall be Disfranchised by the Mayor, and common-council of the said Town, any Law, Usage, or custom of the said Town, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Secondly, That all Forreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as Protestants, who are or shall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwise skilled and exercised in any Mystery, Craft, or Trade; or in the working or making any manufacture, or in the Art of Navigation, who are at present residing and inhabiting within the said Town of Drogheda, or who shall at any time hereafter come into the said Town, with intent and resolution there to inhabit, reside, and dwell, shall upon his or their reasonable suit or request made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty shillings by way of Fine, into the chief Magistrate or Magistrates and Common-council; or other persons authorized to admit, and make Freemen, of the said Town, be admitted a Freeman of the said Town. And if he or they shall desire it of all or any Guild, Brother-hood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or other mystery within the same, during his or their residence for the most part, and his and their Families constant inhabiting within the said Town, and no longer; and shall have, exercise, and enjoy all privileges and immunities of

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Trading, Buying, Working and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of the said Town, might have, exercise or enjoy by vertue of his or their Freedom: And that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken, and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law, Statute, Charter, Usage, or Custome of this Kingdom, or of any City, Walled-Town, or Corporation of the same, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, That all such Strangers, Artificers, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforesaid, shall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and Successors, and also such other Oaths as are accustomably taken by all or any Freemen, or members of the said Town, or by all or any the members of any such Guild, or Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of the Trade, Craft, or other mystery, which he or they shall occupy, or exercize, in case he or they shall desire to be incorporated into any such Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship aforesaid, and shall pay all such and like Charges, as all Freemen His Majesties subjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or mystery, shall or do use to pay, and no other or more; And that if the chief Magistrate or Magistrates, or other persons authorized as aforesaid, of the said Town, or any Master, Warden,

or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship; or any Trade, Craft, or Mystery within the said Town, shall refuse to admit any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, residing or coming into this Kingdom, with intent as aforesaid, to be a Freeman of the said Town, or to be a Brother or member of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship within the same, every such chief Magistrate or Magistrates, Master, Warden, or other Governours respectively, shall (upon complaint and due proof made, of such refusal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Council of this Kingdom, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable (without their Licence) of being a Freeman or member of the said Town, And every such Stranger being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him made of Twenty shillings, by way of Fine as aforesaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance before any Justice of Peace, of the County of Lowth (who is hereby required, authorized & appointed to administer the said Oath) shall thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, reputed, and taken to all intents and purposes to be a Freeman or member of the said Town, and of the Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery, where he or they shall be denyed admission as aforesaid; And thenceforth

have

have, exercize, and enjoy the liberty and privilege of Trading, Working, Buying or Selling of any commodities whatsoever, in as large and ample manner, as if he had been admitted a Freeman of the said Town, a Brother or member of such Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same, taking the usual Oaths of such Freemen, Brothers or members, which Oaths any Justice of Peace of the said county of Lowth, shall have power to administer, and paying all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Custome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding: And in case any person or persons shall give any interruption or disturbance to any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman, or Seaman as aforesaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling as aforesaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every such person and persons so offending, shall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable without their Licence of being made a Freeman or member of the said Town

And these Our additional, Rules, Orders, and directions, We do hereby Order and Establish for ever hereafter, to continue in force

within the ſaid Town of Drogheda, and within the Corporations thereof.

And that the ſame be forthwith inrolled in the Rolls of his Majeſties High-court of Chancery in this Kingdom.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the Five and Twentieth day of *September*, 1672.

Ja. Armachanus. Mich. Dublin *Canc.* Conway & Kilulta. Maſſereene. Hen. Midenſis. Fran. Aungier. Art. Forbeſe. Jo. Byſſe. Will. Stewart. Fran. Hamilton. Hen. Ingoldesby. Theo. Jones. Ar. Chicheſter. Char. Meredyth.

GOD ſave the King.